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We dealt mostly in agricultural products and hardware, and had approximately one hundred employees.

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Our branch was in Wlodowa, a city of 10 thousand. We occupied a two story building near the public square. This building was about 30-40 years old and contained about 15-18 rooms of various sizes.

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Our district covered an area of about 60 kilometers and in the area there were 70 villages, some villages having as many as three thousand inhabitants. We bought produce from the farmers and sold it to the city populace.

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5. The various departments in the Wlodowa branch were as follows: Accounting - Purchasing - Sales - Finance - Transportation - Receiving - Shipping.

6.

From 1939 to 1940 the Director and Business Manager was Leo Krushelnycky. He was about 30, height 5' 7", weight 160 pounds, brown hair, wore glasses, and was married. He was a law graduate from University of Lvov. In 1940 he was transferred to Krynycia, a city near Krakow.

7.

He was replaced by Peter Kostiw from Krakow who was Director in Wlodowa from 1940-44. He was about 38, height 5' 6", about 155 pounds, had very thin hair, and a high receding forehead. I have heard nothing of him since 1944.

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8. In charge of purchasing from 1939-40 was fnu Lutyj. He was about 45, weight 190, was 5' 9" tall, with a pudgy face. In 1940 he was transferred to Cholm.
9. In 1941 I was transferred to Peremyshlyany which was another branch. Our building was located on Michnovsky Street in the center of the city. The population was 10 thousand. This building was two stories high and about 20 years old.
10. Paul Sobechko was Director of the Peremyshlyany branch from 1941-44. He was 45, 5' 8" tall, weighed 160, had black hair and wore glasses. Prior to his employment in this cooperative society he had attended a special course in dairy farming. He is presumably in the US.
11. Steve Geba was in charge of auditing from 1941-44. He was about 45, 6' tall, weight 170 pounds, had dark grey hair and was a graduate of the University of Krakow in Business Administration. He is living in Canada.
12. Peter Namyrowsky was in charge of sales. He was about 48, 5' 5" tall, 140 pounds, had dark hair. He is presumably in the US.
13. Semen Kostiw, no relation to Peter Kostiw of Wlodowa, was junior auditor from 1941-44. He was 26, weight 150 pounds, about 5' 6" tall, and was married. Presumably in the US.
14. Neither Wlodowa nor Peremyshlyany had any large factories except a few saw mills. From Lvov to Berezhany the area is heavily covered with forests. While residing in Germany I heard that during 1945-49 the Soviets cut down many trees so that they could ferret the members of the insurgent army out of the forests.
15. Nearly all the personnel of both branches left in 1944 and went to Germany as I met many of them in DP camps. Only the treasurer and three clerks remained in the Peremyshlyany branch.

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